

NIGHT RIDER JURY DISMISSED

And Cases Will Have to be Tried Again.

Impossible to Get Another Jury in County in Which Capt. Rankin Was Killed.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The jury in the case of the State vs. Garrett Johnson and Arthur Clear, alleged leaders of the Reelfoot Lake night riders band, and charged with the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin, fled into Judge Jones' courtroom at noon today and reported that they could not agree on a verdict.

The jury stood ten to two in favor of conviction. Jurors Farley and Batts holding out to the last for the defendants. Each juror was polled and expressed his conviction that no verdict could be arrived at among the present members.

Judge Jones then discharged the jury and held the two defendants on their present bonds of \$20,000 each, and the case was continued.

It is generally conceded here that it will not be possible to secure another jury to try the two defendants in this county.

An effort will, however, be made at the next session of the Legislature to secure an act to change the county lines of Obion and Lake in order to locate the scene of the killing of Capt. Rankin in the latter county, thus changing the venue and making the selection of a jury possible.

It is announced that no further trial of indicted night riders will be entered into at the present term of court.

M. H. & E. WILL SOON BE TURNED OVER TO L. & N.

Opened Up Operations Under Control of the L. H. & St. L.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 21.—The M. H. & E. railroad, which opened up operations under the control of the L. H. & St. L. railroad company, has been turned over to the L. and N. railroad company and after December 23, all freight, for points on the M. H. and E. railroad east of Moorman, will be handled over the L. and N., via Moorman, instead of over the L. H. and St. L., via Irvington.

PRESS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Program for the Midwinter Session to be Held in Lexington.

The program for the annual mid-winter meeting of the Kentucky Press Association to be held in Lexington, Ky., Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28 and 29, is as follows:

Tuesday, December 28, 2 p. m.

Welcome Address—President James K. Patterson, of Kentucky State University.

Response—Mr. T. C. Underwood, President Kentucky Press Association.

Round Table—The Press and the Legislature.

Address—Tuberculosis Contamination in Kentucky, Mr. C. L. Leitch, President Kentucky Association for Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Round Table—Important of and editorials in Country Newspapers, conducted by Mr. M. M. Ivan, Shelby Sentinel,ville.

master.

Wednesday, December 29, 10 a. m.

Round Table—The Curse of Free Advertising; How to Stop It, conducted by Mr. Desha Breckinridge, Lexington Herald. How to Make a Newspaper Popular, Mr. W. J. Denhardt, Bowling Green Times Journal. Address—Col. E. Polk Johnson.

Round Table—Why Such Difference in Advertising Rates Among Weekly Newspapers of Same Class and Standing? Conducted by Mr. J. B. Stearns, Jessamine News, Nicholasville.

Wednesday, 12:30 Noon.

Luncheon at Phoenix Hotel, given by Commercial Club and the press of Lexington.

Immediately after lunch, at 1:45 p. m., interurban and motor cars will be in front of the Phoenix Hotel to take the members of the association to Elmdorf, the country estate of Mr. J. B. Haggin, to inspect the horses and grounds. The return to Lexington will be made in time to catch the trains leaving after 5 o'clock.

OPEN NEW TOWN IN COLORADO

A City Springs Into Existence in a Single Day.

Denver, Dec. 18.—Opening a new city in a single day, one of the principal pastimes of the West, was repeated today when the town of Milliken, in Weld county, twelve miles southwest of Greeley, sprang into existence under what the promoters declared were "most auspicious circumstances." State, city and county officials from all over Colorado were guests of the railroad which owns the town site; and special trains carried thousands of the plain people to Milliken to witness the process of making a town in the space of a dozen hours.

KILLED BY HER GRANDSON

Kentucky Woman Victim of Accident in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Josephine Payne, sixty-nine years old, the widow of James L. Payne, formerly of Kentucky, was accidentally killed yesterday afternoon by her ten-year-old grandson, Harry Endaley, who pulled the trigger of a 22-caliber revolver which he believed not loaded.

Mrs. Payne had come to spend Christmas with her son, Cornelius Payne, and his family.

Harry Endaley, ten years old, who was arrested yesterday after he had accidentally shot and killed his grandmother. Mrs. Josephine Payne, was ordered released today by Chief of Police Greecy.

Mrs. Payne formerly lived in Kentucky. She was sixty-nine years old. She will be buried in Hopkins county, Ky.

Harris' weapon was of the ten-cent blank cartridge variety. Unknown to him his brother had in a ball cartridge which a playmate had found in the street.

Mrs. Payne, was formerly a resident of this city and her husband Jno. Lee Payne ran a hotel here for several years.

Dental Supplies Going Up.

We have from good authority that dental supplies have all advanced in prices, and all dentists will be likely to advance prices for work by the first of the year. Our Earlinton dentists have not expressed the

Locomotive Blasts.

L. & N. OFFICIAL WRITES PLAY.

June Stone is Author of Libretto of "The Winning Miss."

June Stone, 506 Upper First street, traveling passenger agent of the L. & N. railroad, has gained considerable fame as the author of the libretto of a new comic opera which is to be produced December 17 at Muskegon, Mich. "Boyle Woolfork of Chicago, is the composer of the music. "The Winning Miss" will come here for a one night stand about the middle of January.—Evansville Courier.

Mr. Stone is well known in this city coming here every few weeks.

Last Friday the longest train ever drawn by a single engine left Roanoke for Norfolk, Va., over the new Virginia Railway. The train consisted of 120 steel coal hoppers, each 44 feet long and each loaded with fifty tons of coal. A Mallet compound engine, tender and caboose made up the rest of the train. The train, from cow catcher to caboose, was six feet more than a mile and the coal was valued at \$18,000.00. A man would stop twice to look at such a train.—Nashville American.

Mr. Daveny, assistant Superintendent of the Henderson Division was in the city Wednesday.

Farless Hewlett, of Hanson, has accepted a position with the L. & N. brakeman.

On account of the heavy travel south, No. 92 was two hours late Monday.

WHEATCROFT

Orders Headley to Take His Pacific Coast String to Juarez.

James Headley, Western trainer for Irving H. Wheatcroft's St. James Stables, has been notified by Mr. Wheatcroft to proceed to Juarez, Mexico, with the Pacific coast division of the St. James string, which has been at Victoria, B. C., since the close of racing there last summer. The bunch comprises fourteen head, five of which are two-year-olds and they have many engagements on the Mexican track. The whole string is in great shape and they are expected to hold their own with the best there. The list includes Lotus Eater, French Cook (winner of the Victoria Derby), Shirley Rossmore, Elizabeth Harwood, Margaret Randolph, Cesarilass, Belle of Brass, Bye-Bye II., Maid of Gotham and the two-year-olds Stancharm, b f by Stanhope II.—Charm; King Bee, b c by Inspector B.—Lena H.; Migness, blk c by Migraine—Guess Work; Cesarilass, b or br f by Cesarion—Hue; Sempronetta, b f by Sempronius—Johnetta.

Mr. Wheatcroft is well known in this county he operated a mine at Wheatcroft in Webster county.

STAMP SALE IS 8,000,000

New Yorkers Hope to Double Total for Red Cross Stickers Before End of Season.

New York, Dec. 20.—Eight million Red Cross Christmas stamps have been sold in New York thus far this year. The officers in charge of the distribution hope to double this number

MINING NOTES.

A PRIMER ON EXPLOSIVES.

Coal Miner's Manual Issued by the Geological Survey.

In continuance of its efforts to reduce the number of fatal accidents in American coal mines, the United States Geological Survey has just issued a primer for the benefit of miners and others who have anything to do with explosives. The primer, which is written in plain, non-technical language, describes how and of what materials explosives are made, points out the danger in their use, and shows how these may be avoided or reduced to a minimum.

Dangerous Explosives.

The improper use of explosives in coal mines is doubtless the cause of many deaths that are attributed to other agencies. Vigorous objection is made to the use of black powder in any mine where there is danger of a gas or coal-dust explosion. The operators and miners in such mines are urged to use explosives that have been tested at the Survey's mine accidents station at Pittsburgh, Pa., and placed on the "permissible" list. Investigations at this station have proved that the flame from the explosion of black powder lasts from 2,500 to 3,500 times as long as the flame from the newer explosives and is therefore more likely to ignite gas or dust in mines.

Increasing Use of Explosives.

The use of explosives is increasing both in quantity and in the variety of purposes to which they are applied. They are now made at 150 plants in different parts of the country; and the product of a single year is nearly 500,000,000 pounds. Of all this material no explosive is safe in the hands of a careless or ignorant person, whether it is used in mining or otherwise. Statistics recently compiled by the railway bureau for the safe transportation of explosives show that more than 400 persons have been killed or injured and over \$3,000,000 worth of property destroyed by explosives in transit by rail. The fact that three years of cooperative effort under the supervision of this bureau have reduced these losses to almost nothing should encourage the hope that similar cooperative effort may likewise greatly reduce losses of life and property from the use of explosives in mining.

Care and Cooperation for Safety.

The additions from time to time to the large death roll of our mines make a recurring appeal to the American public for fair treatment of the coal-mining industry and to the miner and the manager that they cooperate in every possible effort for greater safety. It may not be possible under existing conditions to prevent all mine accidents. Little may be done by either the operators or the miners working alone, but experience in all countries shows that by hearty and determined cooperation of the two these accidents may be greatly reduced. This can be accomplished only by means of wise laws and regulations based on fact and experience, and by the strictest possible discipline.

The authors of the primer, which is published as Bulletin 423 of the United States Geological

Survey. The bulletin can be had without charge by applying to the Director of the Survey at Washington.

FIVE THOUSAND ACRES WITH MINING PROPERTY

Judge J. A. Dean, Referee in Bankruptcy. Orders Sale in January—Company Declared Bankrupt

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 14.—Judge J. A. Dean, referee in bankruptcy, has entered an order for the sale of all the property of the Kentucky Coal Mining Company, in Union county. This company has been declared bankrupt. In addition to two coal mines and some other property the company has 5,000 acres of coal land which must be sold with the rest of the holdings. The sale will take place the latter part of January.

Will Develop Two Mines.

The Colonial Coal & Coke Co. of Prestonburg, Ky., has begun the construction of a mining plant, and will develop the coal underlying a tract of 1000 acres. It will open two mines to be equipped with electrical mining machinery, shaker-screen tipple and modern facilities, bids for which are now being received. There are said to be two seams of coal underlying the property, which measures four and five feet in thickness. They are known as the Yellow Jacketts and Middle Creek coals, and are considered among the best for domestic purposes. The company is capitalized at \$100,000, and will develop its mines to a capacity of 500 tons per day, handling the product from both mines over the same tipple. Its officers are C. W. Evans, Lookout, Ky., president; E. G. Kaereher, Pottsville, Pa., vice president, and W. G. Stroffler, Minersville, Pa., secretary. W. T. Grifflit of Pikeville, Ky., is the engineer in charge of construction.

Thos. F. Blair, Weighman at Hecla Mines.

Mr. Thos. F. Blair, who is now weighing coal at Hecla mines, was born in Daylston, Pa., in the year 1855. He has been in the employ of the St. Bernard 33 years. For twenty-one years he was at No. 9 mines. He has been foreman of No. 9 and Hecla, but on account of his health he was compelled to accept a position outside. Mr. Blair is one of our foremost citizens and has the respect of all and the confidence of all the officers of the St. Bernard. He has a wife and 5 children, all living in this city. All one has to do is to follow the example of Thos. Blair and their standing in the community is assured.

W. A. Toombs and Thos. Hodge left Monday for Shamrock, where they are repairing the tipple of the mines at that place.

Thos. N. Black, superintendent of the Shamrock mines near Providence, was in the city Tuesday on business.

WALK 60 MILES, 12 HOURS

Two Princeton Students Tramp From University to Jersey City on Wager.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 20.—Two Princeton students—W. C. Belknap and C. G. Dixon—returned to this town today after a Sunday walking trip in which they walked from the university to Jersey City, fifty miles, in a few minutes more than twelve hours. The walk was made on a wager that they could do it in

WOMAN IS DROWNED IN FOUR FEET WATER

Was Found in Sitting Posture in a Spring.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE DEATH OF THE WOMAN.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 20.—The whole vicinity of Kelly is excited over the mysterious death of Mrs. Sarah E. Fletcher. Mrs. Fletcher was found in a sitting posture, in a spring, the water being about four feet deep.

Her head and shoulders were dry, but her face was submerged in enough water to drown her.

Mrs. Fletcher was 60 years old, and a highly respected woman.

KENTUCKY PRISONS

More in Need of Reform Than Any He Ever Saw, Says Puffer.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—Prison reform is needed worse in Kentucky than any other place he has ever visited, says J. Adams Puffer, of Needham, Mass., the noted lecturer on the delinquencies of boys.

Dr. Puffer says he has never seen any place where the purpose of the prison misses the mark so widely as it does in Kentucky, and that the people of Kentucky ought to be ashamed to permit the prisons to be run in politics, and to make money for the state.

Dr. Puffer prepares his own interviews for publication, so that he can not be misquoted. He had a talk with Senator Watkins, of Sturgis, who will look into prison reforms during the next session of the general assembly.

BIG PROFIT IN COLD WAVE

Dixie Suffers but is Glad, for the Cotton Boll Weevil is Perishing.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The cold wave which still covers the western and central states has extended to the South and the residents of Louisiana and Mississippi are freezing, but not complaining, for experts see in the unusually low temperature in these states relief from one of the most costly plagues of the South—the cotton boll weevil.

Reports from New Orleans today state that the sleet and snow which have held the northern and north central sections of Louisiana and Mississippi in their grip for the last two days will be worth many thousands of dollars to the districts infested by the boll weevil. Government entomologists now in that section say that with the winter retreats of the past incrustated with ice and with the temperature as low as twenty degrees in some places untold inroads have been made on the hibernating weevils, and that next year's crop should be greatly benefited as a result.

Is Rescued Alive.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 20.—Frank Condello, buried six hundred feet in the Negaunee mine for a week, was rescued alive tonight. One companion is dead and two have not yet been found.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the people who